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CLERK: Motion on the desk Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Let's read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move that the rules be suspended and we revert to General File and consider LR134. Signed Senator Waldron.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Waldron. Senator Waldron?

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I take up this motion now because this is a constitutional amendment which would delete from the Constitution with reference to the State Normal Board or the State College Board allowing the Legislature, in the future, to determine the status of the state colleges in relationship to the University of Nebraska. I take this resolution up because I was absent yesterday and I didn't have a chance to be here and I apologize for that, that is no ones fault except my own, but I would like to take this opportunity to say that we will never have a chance for another two years to take up this subject if we do not take it up today or tomorrow, so I believe that we should vote on it and we should approve it and send it to the voters and then leave it up to the future legislatures on what they actually want to do with the colleges. This would merely take it out of the Constitution, getting the Legislature the power to do with the colleges as they see fit after it has had considerable study, and that has been the objections to taking up this resolution immediately is the fact that it made it mandatory on the Legislature whether than permissive. Well this resolution makes it permissive and let's the Legislature study the issue and then decide at some future time whether the state colleges should be immerged with the University of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Chambers are you passing? Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, may I ask Senator Waldron a question?

PRESIDENT: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Even if this were taken up, what could be done with it practically speaking?

SENATOR WALDRON: Senator, it can be placed on the ballot this November.

PRESIDENT: O.K. Senator Barnett?

SENATOR BARNETT: Well Mr. President, I have a question for the Chair. How come we are, it is almost a point of order, we have got 665 up there and we are still on Final Reading. I don't understand it.

PRESIDENT: That is right. There aren't any rules that cover that. We suspended the rules to go ahead and read and so forth and the motion came in and fine and dandy, vote it up or down. Senator Stahmer? Well I don't know when the proper time is to take up the motion like that would be. Senator Stahmer?

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President very quickly the point Senator Waldron touched is absolutely correct, this can only be covered once every two years. I think the state colleges are in trouble and this would allow the Legislature to help them and if you don't do it now you are putting this off for another two years. It can't be done next year.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Fred Carstens, do you want to speak?